(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. A new scheme to protect wildlife outside the Protected Area has been introduced, which extends funding support for:—

(i) Provision for Protection infrastructure and intelligence gathering;

(ii) Compensation to mitigate human-wildlife conflicts;

(iii) Development of Forensic facilities and Capacity Building;

(iv) Educational arrangements for wildlife personnel and application of mass media and training programmes for awareness.

Effect of Ozone depleting substances

1818. SHRI HARENDRA SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study has been conducted in regard to the effect of Ozone depleting substance like Chloro Fluorocarbons on the Ozone layer;

(b) if so, the findings thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to protect the Ozone layer from indiscriminate use of Ozone depleting substance?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The scientific studies have proved that chlorine in chloro fluorocarbons is the cause of depeletion of the Ozone layer.

(c) India has ratified the Vienna Convention for the protection of Ozone layer. A country programme has been prepared for phasing out the Ozone depleting substances as per the control schedules specified in the Montreal Protocol under the Convention and the implementation process is on.

Dependence of rural life on forests

†1819. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the needs of rural life are met from forests;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.